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LETTER OF REV. C. H. WILEY.

The Negro Problem Solved.

Your special attention is directed to the letter of Rev. C. H. Wiley, to be found on the first page. It is hoped that our white friends especially will give it that careful consideration which it, in such an eminent degree, deserves. It contains the sentiments of a Christian gentleman who was, for twelve different terms, elected Superintendent of Public Schools in this State—sentiments which may yet bring peace out of confusion. If its prophetic warnings had been heeded when it was first published in 1865, who, after reading it, will doubt but what "The Negro Problem" would have long since been solved? Or but what his is the only solution of this perplexing question. Note his line of argument.

It is not based upon the unfixed pedestal of theory, nor upon sickly sentimentalism; but it is founded upon justice and a broad philanthropy, which does credit to both his head and his heart, and commends itself to all who have the least interest in our elevation. Oh! for more such philosophic, patriotic and persuasive expressions of opinion! We again direct your attention to it.

AN EXODUS.

The exodus fever seems to have gotten a strong hold upon our people in the more extreme Southern States, prominent among which is Louisiana. It has assumed alarming proportions within the past few weeks and from present indications, the Gulf States, especially, will soon be depopulated, so far as the colored people are concerned. They are leaving, with a hope of bettering their condition by going to Kansas. They are going by the hundreds and it is asserted that the movement is seriously affecting the agricultural, mercantile and political status of that portion of the country. Thus it can be seen, that poor though we be, we are an important factor when the productive wealth and political power of the South is called into question.

Now that these elements of greatness may be encouraged to stay within the borders of the Old North State, let us put a premium on labor.

THE CONFERENCE OF LEADING COLORED MEN.

A conference of leading colored men has been called to assemble in Nashville, Tennessee, on the 6th of May, prox. The object of the proposed meeting so far as we understand, (we have not seen the call) is to take into consideration the general welfare of the colored people of the country. The body is to be composed of such persons as the managers may invite to take part in its deliberation, and it is thought that, in this way a more intelligent body can be constituted than by the ordinary means of primary meetings and Conventions.

If there is any way by which such a conference can incite our people to more earnest efforts in the great work of bettering their condition, mentally, morally, and materially, by all means let it be held.

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[This does not complete the number of officers. There are others yet to be elected or appointed.]

If we can secure the co-operation and encouragement of our fellow-citizens generally, we will enlarge our paper and issue it weekly. What say you who are directly interested? Do you want a weekly here at the seat of government, or not?

"SECRETARY N. C. I. A."

We have read with much pleasure and interest the address of the North Carolina Industrial Association and other publications in connection with the object in view, and give it our unqualified approval. In furtherance of the purposes of the Association we would make this suggestion: that some evening during the Exposition a grand musical concert be held, something after the order of the great Boston Peace Jubilee. Let the best musical talent of our people in the State be invited to take part, and have as full a representation of the various instruments upon which our people perform, as possible. We think that such an entertainment would prove not only remunerative but highly enjoyable. Think over the suggestion.

Truly,

The above suggestion from a valued correspondent we think most opportune. We have long desired to witness just such a Musical Concert as is mentioned in his letter. We can boast a high order of musical talent among our people. Talent that would compare creditably with that of any race. Naturally melodious, a grand combination concert of vocal and instrumental music would afford one of the most attractive and pleasant entertainments ever given by our people in this country.

The Executive Committee has taken steps in the direction suggested by our correspondent, and desire suggestions and a full interchange of views by all who may take an interest in this movement, throughout the State.

OUR ADVERTISERS.

We take pleasure in directing special attention to the advertisements which appear in this issue. Our patrons are among the most energetic and reliable business men of the State, and our readers will find it to their advantage to give them a call when anything in their line is needed, before purchasing elsewhere. Our paper will furnish a most excellent medium for advertisers, and the splendid array of "ads" which we present to-day shows that our business men are alive to their interest.—We solicit the patronage of the business public here and elsewhere.

TO OUR MINISTERS.

We send the present number of our paper and shall send subsequent numbers to our ministers throughout the State and country. We hope to secure their valuable aid in making the North Carolina Industrial Association, and the object it has in view, just such a success and benefit to the race as it should be. They can do much by calling the attention of the people in their respective communities to the Exposition, and encouraging them to take an active interest in it.

ENCOURAGING WORDS.

The first exposition of the N. C. Industrial Association will be a complete success, judging from the general expression of approval which comes from all sections of the State. The noble hearted women of the race are taking hold, which, of itself, is sufficient to warrant the highest expectation. The prospect is, in all respects, propitious and promises a full realization of our best wishes.

INDIVIDUAL EXERTIONS.

There is nothing like individual exertion. It is the hope of any people. If we wish to rise we must not only make general efforts, but above all things we must put forth individual efforts. Upon what we do as individuals depends our success as a nation. Therefore we hope our friends will encourage us in this attempt to put a premium on individual exertions.

THERE is no better medium for advertising than through the columns of this journal, as it is scattered broadcast all over the country.

TO CONTRIBUTORS.

We will begin our list of contributions or donations to the Association in our next issue. We hope Raleigh will be second to none in liberality. To New Bern belongs the credit of the first donation, but we believe the City of Oaks will come out ahead on the home stretch. What say ye, men of business?

Commissioner Polk's Letter.

The letter from Col. L. L. Polk, the energetic Commissioner of Agriculture, to be found elsewhere, is just such a production as is calculated to give impetus to a movement like ours. Coming as it does from the official head of the farming interest of the State, it demands the attention of our readers.

APOLOGY.

Matter for the present issue of our paper has been prepared under a stress of many disadvantages, and we trust that a generous and charitable public will overlook any imperfections. We hope for much improvement in our next and succeeding issues.

POSSESS YOUR SOULS IN PATIENCE.—We hope our friends will pardon us for the dearth of local matter, and those of our patrons will possess their souls in patience, whose advertisements fail to appear in this issue, in consequence of their being too late. When we began to make up the form we found that we had reached far beyond our calculation and most sanguine expectations, so far as our "ads" are concerned, which precludes much valuable matter that would have otherwise appeared. We will do better next time.

THE colored people of North Carolina can with pride boast of as many newspapers, edited by colored men, as can be found in any other single State. They are springing up like mushrooms. But whether they are to flourish only for a day, as does this perishable fruit, is simply a question of time.

A flag costing \$100.00, will be presented to the best drilled company that makes its appearance on the occasion of our exposition. Ye military had better take advantage of these "moon-shiny" nights and go to drilling if you intend to compete for so valuable a prize.

A valuable prize will be given to each of the following class of persons making their appearance on the exposition grounds: The largest, the smallest, the oldest and tallest, man or woman in the State.

We understand that three of our principal city draymen have agreed to test the speed of their "critters" on the occasion of our State fair. So John Dickerson says.

WHEN the colored people learn that the secret of success is in advertising, they will strike that high road which leads to prosperity.

It will be well for business men and women to consult our advertising rates. An insertion in these columns will insure success.

Begin now to prepare whatever you propose to put on exhibition; if you don't, somebody will "get away with you sure."

Save the scraps. You will need them all, if you propose making a bed quilt to put on exhibition.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE JOURNAL OF INDUSTRY, a paper devoted to the best interests of the colored people.

A prize will be offered to the champion walker. Get in trim ye pedestrians.

If you've got any stock you'd better begin to fatten it, if you want to get the premium on it.

There will be plenty of chin music on the occasion of our musical concert.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondences will explain itself:

To the Honorable, the Secretary of War, U. S., Washington, D. C.:

SIR:—By order of the North Carolina Industrial Association, we have the honor to inquire as to what terms, if any, the buildings and grounds in this city, owned by the government and formerly occupied by the U. S. Troops stationed here, known as "Camp Russell," may be secured for the purpose of holding the Industrial Fair of said Association sometime during the next fall. The Association is composed of the colored people of North Carolina, and its object is to encourage and promote the development of the material and educational resources of the colored race, and to hold annual exhibitions of the products of their industry and education. We would respectfully call your attention to the endorsements hereto appended.

We have the honor to be, Very respectfully,
Your obedient servants,
CESAR JOHNSON, President,
OSBORN HUNTER, JR., Secretary
N. C. I. A.

We take pleasure in giving our hearty endorsement to the North Carolina Industrial Association and the object it has in view. The gentlemen composing the Association are responsible and worthy, and we trust their request may be favorably considered.

Very respectfully,
J. L. ROBINSON,
Pres. of Senate and ex officio Lieut. Governor.

L. L. POLK, Commissioner of Agriculture.

A. W. SHAEFFER, Reg. in Bankruptcy.
W. W. HOLDS, P. M., Raleigh, N. C.
B. C. MANLY, Mayor.

J. B. HILL, U. S. M. Eastern District.
I. J. YOUNG, Collector 4th District.
T. R. PURNELL, U. S. Commissioner.
STEWART ELLISON, Rep. in General Assembly from Wake.

A. MAGNIE, J. P.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF THE SOUTH
NEWPORT BARRACKS, KY.
March 29th, 1879.

To Mr. Cesar Johnson, President North Carolina Industrial Association, Raleigh, N. C.:

SIR:—The Department Commander desires me to inform you that the Secretary of War grants permission for the North Carolina Industrial Association of Raleigh to occupy the public buildings and grounds at "Camp Russell," Raleigh, for the purpose of holding its Fair next fall; upon the conditions, that no persons except those in charge of property, &c., shall be allowed to enter or remain in the grounds between sunset and sunrise; that no fires shall be allowed in any of the public buildings; and that the firing of guns, pistols, or any kind of firearms, be prohibited.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
G. B. RUSSELL,
Capt. 9th Infantry A. D. C.,
A. A. General.

Camp Russell is the most convenient place that could have been secured. It is within easy access, being not more than one mile from the Capitol, on the eastern limits of the city, covering several acres, and with buildings amply sufficient for the purpose. We will be able to accommodate from eight to ten thousand persons comfortably; therefore let everybody come to the first State Fair ever held by the colored people, that they may see what we are really doing as a nation.

W. N. C. R. R.

Private Stockholders Meeting.

NEWTON, April 5.
The private stockholders of W. N. C. R. met at Newton, N. C. April 4th, Maj. J. W. Wilson, Capt. Jno. S. Brown and John S. Henderson, the present Directors on the part of the private stockholders were re-elected by acclamation. A. H. Boyden D. C. Pearson and P. A. Carlton were elected Committee of Inspection. Mr. S. H. Weley was elected one of the finance Committee vice Thos. E. Brown resigned.

Maj. Wilson said in a speech that the trains were running over "round cut" every day and would run through the Swannanoa tunnel in two months, and to Asheville in six months. JAKE H.

A Word About Reading.

Christian Advocate.
As a general thing we are not as careful about our reading and that of our children as we should be. Our sons and daughters are reading trashy literature, and some of them obscene books and pamphlets, and a great many parents manifest no concern about it whatever. Many of the newspapers that flood the country are just as corrupting as obscene books. Be careful as to the nature of the reading matter that enters your household.

[SUITED TO THE TUNE, "JOY TO THE WORLD."] SPRING.

O, glorious spring!
So bright and fair,
Beauteous to behold!
Dressed with flowers,
Rich, sweet and rare,
Tinted with Ophir's gold.

Thy genial rays,
Awake the dead,
Bid nature to rejoice;
And all around
Doth blessing spread—
Be still! I hear a voice,

The murmuring stream,
The warbling bird,
The bee that's on the wing;
The butterfly,
Lambkins are heard
To welcome thee, O spring!

O. H., Jr.

[From the Observer of Feb. 22.]

The Colored People's Fair—The Movement Endorsed—Premiums Offered.

NEWBERN, N. C., Feb. 7, '79.

O. Hunter, Jr., Esq., Secretary North Carolina Industrial Association.

DEAR SIR:—I was truly glad to see in the Raleigh Observer (by the way, one of the very best daily papers in the State) of the 4th instant, "An Address to the colored people of North Carolina." To say that it is timely and much needed, would hardly express the importance attached to such a movement as it contemplates. You and your worthy associates have, by said Address, asked the colored people of North Carolina to come forward and show to the good people of this commonwealth what progress they have made in an agricultural, mechanical, educational, scientific and artistic point of view, since emancipation from slavery. I heartily second your motion, and say that if the "negro" expects to cope with his more favored white fellow-citizens, he must develop the "muscle and brain" and put them into practical use. He must work, work, work, for our condition is a sad one; and without the development of the "muscle and brain" in a proper manner we must, for all time to come, follow, instead of leading in any of the higher orders of society. For freedom without the attainment of agricultural, mechanical, educational, scientific and artistic knowledge in this enlightened day, would indeed prove to be a worse bondage to the colored race of this country than slavery itself, and if we ever expect to enjoy our freedom like white men and be happy and prosperous with our wives and children, we must at once go to work with the plough upon our own land. Say "forty acres and a mule,"—for we must assist, and it is our duty, as well as being a very high privilege to support the government, that it may in return protect us in the enjoyment of our freedom. We should become taxpayers and be interested as good citizens in promoting good government. To do this we must acquire knowledge and property—both of which will give us influence and power for good in developing the great resources of this State. We must quit going on every excursion; quit going up North by the hundreds, "looking for work;" quit hoping that something will turn up, without an effort; quit expecting an office in return for voting; quit living off of other people. We must build our own churches, erect our own school houses, employ our own teachers, and pay our own preachers like free men. The war is over, and we must go to work for ourselves. Let every colored man in North Carolina rally for once in trying to grow, make, write, speak, or do something for the Industrial Fair to be held in Raleigh next fall. I shall, if living, send some corn, potatoes, and the best bale of cotton raised in the State by a negro. I have under cultivation forty acres. Look out for old Craven, we mean business. "The war is over," and we must go to work or "build all the railroads in the State." As an inducement, we are authorized by Mr. Geo. Allen, of this city, (one of the most worthy, intelligent and enterprising citizens of this section) of the firm of Geo. Allen & Co., to offer, at their expense, as a premium for the largest yield of lint cotton per acre grown and cultivated by a colored man, one "Atlas," or "Stonewall" plow, or steel sweep, as may be preferred; a similar premium for the colored man who produces the largest yield of corn per acre, and the same for the largest yield of rice per acre, and to the man who kills the heaviest hog of his own raising.

Sir, hoping that you and the nobles hearted men associated with you may meet with success, and that for once the colored men of North Carolina may rally this year in developing the "muscle and the brain," I am yours for "the Old North State forever," peace and plenty, low taxes and good government.

E. R. DUDLEY.

Send in your ad.